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SUBJECT: DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION: PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR GHANA CONFERENCE

REF: (A) USUN 6217, (B) USUN 0001

1. ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT RESOLUTIONS ON DECADE
ADOPTED BY 31ST GA AVOIDED EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO ZIONISM-
RACISM RESOLUTION 3379 (XXX), DEPT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE
THAT MAINTENANCE OF LINK BETWEEN RES. 3379 AND DECADE
PROGRAM SERIOUSLY TAINTS THE LATTER. WITH RESPECT TO
THE GHANA CONFERENCE, WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED THAT
REVIVAL OF ANTI-ZIONIST RHETORIC MAY BE A DISTINCT
POSSIBILITY IN THAT GA RES 31/78 DEALING WITH CONFERENCE
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IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
ON RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, APARTHEID, DECOLONIZA-
TION AND SELF-DETERMINATION." SINCE THIS FORMULATION
OBVIOUSLY INCLUDES THE ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION, CONFERENCE
PARTICIPANTS WILL BE FREE TO EXPLOIT THE ISSUE TO THE
EXTENT THEY THINK IT POLITIC TO DO SO.

2. GIVEN THIS POTENTIAL FOR TROUBLE-MAKING AND OUR
PRESENT INTENTION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE,

WE WELCOME PARTICIPATION OF UK AND FRANCE, WHO SHARE OUR
VIEW ON THE ZIONISM ISSUE, IN THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE,
AS REPORTED REF. B. WE BELIEVE THEIR INFLUENCE CAN BE
IMPORTANT IN CONFINING THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM TO THOSE
ISSUES THAT TRULY BEAR ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND
KEEPING IT AWAY FROM A DESTRUCTIVE OBSESSION WITH THE
ZIONISM ISSUE. IN ANY CASE, THEY WILL BE FREE TO DECIDE
LATER, IN LIGHT OF WHAT OCCURS DURING PREPARATORY PERIOD,
WHETHER ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE IS IN THEIR INTEREST.
ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD INFORM UK AND FRENCH MISSIONS OF
OUR SATISFACTION OVER THEIR PARTICIPATION ON THESE TERMS.

3. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION RAISED IN PARA 3 OF REF. A,
WE DO NOT SEE ANY SPECIAL ADVANTAGE IN EITHER CHANGING
CRITERION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO PERMIT NON-ECOSOC UN MEMBERS
TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE OR EXPANDING THE COMMITTEE'S SIZE
FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT WOULD SEEM USEFUL TO DRAW COMMITTEE'S
MEMBERSHIP FROM THOSE WHO CAN DIRECTLY REPORT, DEFEND,
OR OBJECT TO THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIONS IN ECOSOC. LIKEWISE,
WHILE EXPANDED MEMBERSHIP MIGHT GIVE AN INCREASED VOICE
TO MODERATE WEO'S, IT WOULD AT THE SAME TIME INCREASE THE
NUMBERS OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE OUR VIEWS.
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